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### **GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS SEARS AND REAPPOINTS KILGORE, BROWN AND COLE TO CRIME COMMISSION**

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **J. Wayne Sears** of Rocky Mount and reappointed **Bobby Kilgore** of Monroe, **Carrah Brown** of Raleigh and **J. Carlton Cole** of Hertford to the Governor's Crime Commission.

Sears is a lieutenant and special operations commander of the Rocky Mount Police Department. He is a member of the United Community Ministries Executive Board of Directors, chairman of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board for Nash Community College and a member of the N.C. Police Executives Association. Sears was named Rocky Mount Police Officer of the Year in 1997. He received the Police Medal of Valor and Police Life Saving Citation in 2000. He is a graduate of the 84<sup>th</sup> Administrative Officers Course, Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville and the 186<sup>th</sup> class of the Federal Bureau of Investigations Academy. Sears received his Bachelor's in criminal justice from Mount Olive College.

Kilgore is mayor of Monroe. He is a member of the Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge #244 and Union County Crime Stoppers. He was named Union County Man of the Year in 1996, Executive of the Year by the Professional Secretaries of Union County in 1991, and Civitan of the Year by the Civitarian Club of Union County in 1990. Kilgore received his Bachelor's in criminal justice from Central Piedmont Community College.

Brown is an assistant public defender in Wake County. She received her Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a law degree from Campbell University.

Cole is a District Court Judge for Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties. He is a member of the Governor's Crime Commission Juvenile Justice Committee and the N.C. School of Government Foundation Board of Directors. Cole received the Governor's Volunteer Award in 2003, the N.C. Association of Community Educators Robert L. Mason Distinguished Service Award in 2003 and the N.C. Parent Teacher Association Dorothy M. Crowell Citizenship Award in 2002. He received his Bachelor's in mathematics from Livingston College, his Masters in Criminal Justice from Long Island University and his law degree from N.C. Central University.

The commission advises the governor on matters pertaining to the criminal justice system and makes recommendations for improving the justice system, protecting individual rights and promoting public safety. The commission has 42 members, each serving a three-year term. The governor appoints 25 members.

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